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Classified By: Ambassador James D. McGee for reason 1.4 (d)

- 11. (C) According to a business contact in the local IT industry, the Zimbabwe agent for Unisys is providing Unisys hardware and software support to ZB Bank Ltd, a specially designated national (SDN). Post corroborated the allegation with James Hove, head of the IT department at ZB Bank. Hove said that ZB Bank Ltd has continued to receive Unisys hardware and software support from the Zimbabwean Unisys agent Unizim, run by Mr. Nigel Cherry, since ZB Bank became an SDN.
- 12. (C) Unizim also provides Unisys hardware and software support to the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, ZABG Bank Ltd, and NMB Bank Ltd in Zimbabwe. Our business contact alleges that Mr. Cherry is diverting Unisys hardware and software ordered for any one of these three banks to ZB Bank Ltd. See www.testonic.co.uk/Unizim.htm for Unizim's company profile, which states that "Within Zimbabwe Unizim provides first line support in respect of a number of systems to (ZB Bank Ltd.8 MCGEE